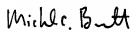


Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months up to and including June 30, 2006, in which to respond to the present Office Action. The Commissioner hereby is authorized to deduct the small entity fee for a three-month extension of time, and any other fees that may be required in connection with the filing of this document, from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/LABN:004US/MCB.

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